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MINT AND BRANCHES.

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

A report of the operations of the mint and branch mints.

February 5, 1845.
Read, and laid upon the table.

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit, herewith, to the House of Representatives, a report from the director of the mint, showing the operations of that institution for the year 1844.

JOHN TYLER.

Washington, D. C., *February* 3, 1845.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, January 14, 1845.

Sir: I have the honor to lay before you the following report of the operations of the mint and branch mints, during the fiscal year.

The coinage at the principal mint amounted to $2,843,457; comprising $1,782,420 in gold, $1,037,050 in silver, and $23,987 in copper coins, and composed of 5,461,967 pieces. The deposites of gold, within the year, amounted to $1,732,811; and those of silver to $1,015,564.

At the New Orleans branch mint, the coinage amounted to $4,208,500; comprising $3,010,000 in gold, and $1,198,500 in silver coins, and composed of 3,448,300 pieces. The deposites for coinage amounted to $3,003,176 in gold, and $1,259,928 in silver.

The branch mint at Dahlonega received, during the year, deposites of gold to the value of $479,794, and its coinage amounted to $488,600; composed of 88,982 half-eagles, and 17,332 quarter-eagles.

The branch mint at Charlotte had received deposites of gold to the value of $167,348, and executed coinage to the amount of $147,210; when, on the 27th of July, the operations were arrested by the occurrence of a fire, which destroyed the mint building, and a great part of the machinery.

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The question of rebuilding this establishment has been brought before Congress, and plans and estimates have been presented, which show the moderate cost at which it could be again placed in full operation. I will therefore merely take the liberty, at this time, to call attention to the fact, which, although it has long lost its novelty, still presents itself as an object of national interest,—that the region in which the Charlotte and Dahlonega branch mints are placed, contains gold mines as numerous and as rich as any in the world. They are, indeed, less productive at present than some of them, in consequence of the more profitable employment of labor in other branches of industry; yet it is worthy of note, that, in the course of the last two years, more than two millions of dollars worth of gold was offered for coinage, from this source alone; so that, doubtless, the production of the United States has not been exceeded by that of any other gold-mining country, excepting Siberian Russia, and perhaps the western coast of Africa.

The subjoined tables embrace many details of interest respecting the operations of the several mints, and show, in particular, that the coinage of 1844 in the whole mint establishment, which is $7,687,767, rivals in amount that of any previous year, except the last.

I have the honor to be, sir, with great respect, your faithful servant,

R. M. PATTERSON,
Director of the Mint.

To the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

A.

Statement of deposites and coinage at the mint of the United States and branches, in the year 1844.

DEPOSITES.

Mints.	Gold.					Silver.				Total gold and silver.
	U. S. coins, old standard.	Foreign coins.	United States bullion.	Foreign bullion.	Total.	Foreign coins.	Foreign bullion.	U. States bullion.	Total.	
Charlotte, N. C.	.....	.....	$167,348	.....	$167,348	.....	.....	.....	.....	$167,348
Dahlonega, Ga.	.....	.....	479,794	.....	479,794	.....	.....	.....	.....	479,794
New Orleans	$7,042	$2,956,874	25,036	$14,224	3,003,176	$1,241,628	$18,300	.....	$1,259,928	4,263,104
Philadelphia	25,830	1,306,766	295,022	105,193	1,732,811	918,891	65,876	$30,847	1,015,564	2,748,375
	32,872	4,263,640	967,200	119,417	5,383,129	2,160,519	84,176	30,847	2,275,492	7,658,621

COINAGE.

Mints.	Gold.				Silver.						Copper.		Total.	
	Eagles.	Half eagles.	Quarter eagles.	Value.	Dollars.	Half dollars.	Quarter dollars.	Dimes.	Half dimes.	Value.	Cents.	Value.	Number.	Value.
	Pieces.	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*
Charlotte, N. C.	.....	23,631	11,622	147,210	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35,253	147,210
Dahlonega, Ga.	.....	88,982	17,332	488,600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	106,314	488,600
New Orleans	118,700	364,600	.....	3,010,000	.....	2,005,000	740,000	.....	220,000	1,198,500	.....	.....	3,448,300	4,208,500
Philadelphia	6,361	340,370	6,784	1,782,420	20,000	1,766,000	421,200	72,500	430,000	1,037,050	2,398,752	23,987 52	5,461,967	2,843,457
	125,061	817,583	35,738	5,428,230	20,000	3,771,000	1,161,200	72,500	650,000	2,235,550	2,398,752	23,987 52	9,051,834	7,687,767

B.— *Statement of the annual amounts of deposites of gold, for coinage, at the mint of the United States and its branches, from mines in the United States.*

Periods.	Deposited at the United States mint.								Deposited at the branch mints.				Mint and branches.
	Virginia.	North Carolina.	South Carolina.	Georgia.	Tennessee.	Alabama.	Various sources.	Total at the United States mint.	Br'ch mint at Charlotte, N. C.	Branch mint at Dahlonega, Ga.	Branch mint at New Orleans.	Total at the branch mints.	Total deposites of U. States gold.
1824	.....	$5,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$5,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	$5,000
1825	.....	17,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	17,000
1826	.....	20,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,000
1827	.....	21,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	21,000
1828	.....	46,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	46,000
1829	$2,500	134,000	$3,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	140,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	140,000
1830	24,000	204,000	26,000	$212,000	.....	.....	.....	466,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	466,000
1831	26,000	294,000	22,000	196,000	$1,000	.....	$1,000	520,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	520,000
1832	34,000	458,000	45,000	140,000	1,000	.....	.....	678,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	678,000
1833	140,000	475,000	66,000	216,000	7,000	.....	.....	868,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	868,000
1834	62,000	380,000	38,000	415,000	3,000	.....	.....	898,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	898,000
1835	60,400	363,500	42,400	319,900	100	.....	12,200	698,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	698,500
1836	62,000	148,100	55,200	201,400	300	.....	.....	467,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	467,000
1837	52,000	116,900	29,400	83,600	.....	.....	.....	282,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	282,000
1838	55,000	66,000	13,000	36,000	1,500	.....	200	171,700	$127,000	$135,700	$700	$263,400	435,100
1839	57,600	53,500	6,300	20,300	300	$500	.....	138,500	126,836	113,035	6,869	246,740	385,240
1840	38,995	36,804	5,319	91,113	104	4,431	.....	176,766	124,726	121,858	2,835	249,419	426,185
1841	25,736	76,431	3,440	139,796	1,212	1,863	.....	248,478	129,847	161,974	1,818	293,639	542.117
1842	42,163	61,629	223	150,276	.....	5,579	13,717	273,587	174,508	323,372	5,630	503,510	777,097
1843	48,148	62,873	5,099	56,619	2,788	4,786	415	180,728	272,064	570,080	22,573	864,717	1,045,445
1844	40,595	194,917	11,856	30,739	2,240	12,298	2,377	295,022	167,348	479,794	25,036	672,178	967,200
	735,237	3,134,654	372,737	2,288,743	20,544	29,457	29,909	6,611,281	1,112,329	1,905,813	65,461	3,093,603	9,704,884

C.—*Statement of the amounts coined annually at the branch mints, from the commencement of their operations until December* 31, 1844.

Mints and periods.		GOLD.					SILVER.						Total.	
		Eagles.	Half eagles.	Quarter eagles.	Total of gold.		Half dollars.	Quarter dollars.	Dimes.	Half dimes.	Total of silver.		Whole coinage.	
					Number.	Value.					Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
		Pieces.	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*
Charlotte, N. C.	1838	.....	12,886	7,894	20,780	84,165	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,780	84,165
	1839	.....	23,467	18,173	41,640	162,767	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41,640	162,767
	1840	.....	18,994	12,834	31,828	127,055	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31,828	127.055
	1841	.....	21,467	10,281	31,748	133,038	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31,748	133,038
	1842	.....	27,480	8,642	36,122	159,005	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36,122	159,005
	1843	.....	44,353	26,096	70,449	287,005	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70,449	287,005
	1844	.....	23,631	11,622	35,253	147,210	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35,253	147,210
	Total	.....	172,278	95,542	267,820	1,100,245	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	267,820	1,100,245
Dahlonega, Ga.	1838	.....	20,583	.....	20,583	102,915	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,583	102,915
	1839	.....	18,939	13,674	32,613	128,880	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32,613	128,880
	1840	.....	22,896	3,532	26,428	123,310	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26,428	123,310
	1841	.....	30,495	4,164	34,659	162,885	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34,659	162,885
	1842	.....	59,608	4,643	64,251	309,648	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64,251	309,648
	1843	.....	98,452	36,209	134,661	582,782	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	134,661	582,782
	1844	.....	88,982	17,332	106,314	488,600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	106,314	488,600
	Total	.....	339,955	79,554	419,509	1,899,020	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	419,509	1,899,020
New Orleans.	1838	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	402,430	.....	402,430	40,243	402,430	40,243
	1839	.....	.....	9,396	9,396	23,490	116,000	.....	1,291,600	1,060,000	2,467,600	240,160	2,476,996	263,650
	1840	.....	30,400	26,200	56,600	217,500	855,100	425,200	1,175,000	935,000	3,390,300	698,100	3,446,900	915,600
	1841	2,500	8,350	7,380	18,230	85,200	401,000	452,000	2,007,500	815,000	3,675,500	555,000	3,693,730	640,200
	1842	27,400	16,400	19,800	63,600	405,500	957,000	769,000	2,020,000	350,000	4,096,000	890,250	4,159,600	1,295,750
	1843	175,162	101,075	368,002	644,239	3,177,000	2,268,000	968,000	150,000	.....	3,386,000	1,391,000	4,030,239	4,568,000
	1844	118,700	364,600	.....	483,300	3,010,000	2,005,000	740,000	.....	220,000	2,965,000	1,198,500	3,448,300	4,208,500
	Total	323,762	520,825	430,778	1,275,365	6,918,690	6,602,100	3,354,200	7,046,530	3,380,000	20,382,830	5,013,253	21,658,195	11,931,943
Aggregate		323,762	1,033,058	605,874	1,962,694	9,917,955	6,602,100	3,354,200	7,046,530	3,380,000	20,382,830	5,013,253	22,345,524	14,931,208

D.

Coinage of the mint of the United States, in the several years from its establishment, in 1792, *and including the coinage of the branch mints from the commencement of their operations, in* 1838.

Years.	GOLD.	SILVER.	COPPER.	WHOLE COINAGE.	
	Value.	Value.	Value.	No. of pieces.	Value.
1793 } 1794 } 1795 }	$71,485 00	$370,683 80	$11,373 00	1,834,420	$453,541 80
1796	102,727 50	79,077 50	10,324 40	1,219,370	192,129 40
1797	103,422 50	12,591 45	9,510 34	1,095,165	125,524 29
1798	205,610 00	330,291 00	9,797 00	1,368,241	545,698 00
1799	213,285 00	423,515 00	9,106 68	1,365,681	645,906 68
1800	317,760 00	224,296 00	29,279 40	3,337,972	571,335 40
1801	422,570 00	74,758 00	13,628 37	1,571,390	510,956 37
1802	423,310 00	58,343 00	34,422 83	3,615,869	516,075 83
1803	258,377 50	87,118 00	25,203 03	2,780,830	370,698 53
1804	258,642 50	100,340 50	12,844 94	2,046,839	371,827 94
1805	170,367 50	149,388 50	13,483 48	2,260,361	333,239 48
1806	324,505 00	471,319 00	5,260 00	1,815,409	801,084 00
1807	437,495 00	597,448 75	9,652 21	2,731,345	1,044,595 96
1808	284,665 00	684,300 00	13,090 00	2,935,888	982,055 00
1809	169,375 00	707,376 00	8,001 53	2,861,834	884,752 53
1810	501,435 00	638,773 50	15,660 00	3,056,418	1,155,868 50
1811	497,905 00	608,340 00	2,495 95	1,649,570	1,108,740 95
1812	290,435 00	814,029 50	10,755 00	2,761,646	1,115,219 50
1813	477,140 00	620,951 50	4,180 00	1,755,331	1,102,271 50
1814	77,270 00	561,687 50	3,578 30	1,833,859	642,535 80
1815	3,175 00	17,308 00	–	69,867	20,483 00
1816	–	28,575 75	28,209 82	2,888,135	56,785 57
1817	–	607,783 50	39,484 00	5,163,967	647,267 50
1818	242,940 00	1,070,454 50	31,670 00	5,537,084	1,345,064 50
1819	258,615 00	1,140,000 00	26,710 00	5,074,723	1,425,325 00
1820	1,319,030 00	501,680 70	44,075 50	6,492,509	1,864,786 20
1821	189,325 00	825,762 45	3,890 00	3,139,249	1,018,977 45
1822	88,980 00	805,806 50	20,723 39	3,813,788	915,509 89
1823	72,425 00	895,550 00	–	2,166,485	967,975 00
1824	93,200 00	1,752,477 00	12,620 00	4,786,894	1,858,297 00
1825	156,385 00	1,564,583 00	14,926 00	5,178,760	1,735,894 00
1826	92,245 00	2,002,090 00	16,344 25	5,774,434	2,110,679 25
1827	131,565 00	2,869,200 00	23,577 32	9,097,845	3,024,342 32
1828	140,145 00	1,575,600 00	25,636 24	6,196,853	1,741,381 24
1829	295,717 50	1,994,578 00	16,580 00	7,674,501	2,306,875 50
1830	643,105 00	2,495,400 00	17,115 00	8,357,191	3,155,620 00
1831	714,270 00	3,175,600 00	33,603 60	11,792,284	3,923,473 60
1832	798,435 00	2,579,000 00	23,620 00	9,128,387	3,401,055 00
1833	978,550 00	2,759,000 00	28,160 00	10,307,790	3,765,710 00
1834	3,954,270 00	3,415,002 00	19,151 00	11,637,643	7,388,423 00
1835	2,186,175 00	3,443,003 00	39,489 00	15,996,342	5,668,667 00
1836	4,135,700 00	3,606,100 00	23,100 00	13,719,333	7,764,900 00
1837	1,148,305 00	2,096,010 00	55,583 00	13,010,721	3,299,898 00
1838	1,809,595 00	2,333,243 00	63,702 00	15,780,311	4,206,540 00
1839	1,355,885 00	2,189,296 00	31,286 61	11,811,594	3,576,467 61
1840	1,675,302 50	1,726,703 00	24,627 00	10,558,240	3,426,632 50
1841	1,091,597 50	1,132,750 00	15,973 67	8,811,968	2,240,321 17
1842	1,834,170 50	2,332,750 00	23,833 90	11,743,153	4,190,754 40
1843	8,108,797 50	3,834,750 00	24,283 20	14,640,582	11,967,830 70
1844	5,428,230 00	2,235,550 00	23,987 52	9,051,834	7,687,767 52
	44,553,918 00	64,620,234 90	1,003,608 48	293,299,905	110,177,761 38